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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 30 January 1954, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Bernau was still occupied as was observed before. Soldiers trained with two light AT guns in the billeting area. A T-34 tank turret was removed by winches.

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2. On 30 January, the army clothing depot No 1 was still occupied as was observed previously. Soldiers practiced driving with 4 prime movers, or trained with 8 heavy AT guns. Four light AT guns were parked in front of the sheds.

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3. On 4 February, a column of 80 to 100 trucks occupied by troops and towing several 97-mm, 76.2-mm and 100-mm AT guns and four 120-mm mortars, several T-34/85 tanks and 24 and 4 field kitchens moved toward Schoenow training grounds along the Bernau-Wandlitz road near the sawmill, coming from the direction of Wandlitz. At about 5:30 p.m. on 4 February, a truck convoy came from the direction of Wandlitz and moved toward Oranienburg. The trucks were empty except for three which carried field kitchens.

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4. On 4 February, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was about 75 percent occupied. On 6 February, 3 trucks, each carrying 20 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets left the installation. No training activity was noticed.

5. On 3 February, army clothing depot No 1 was occupied to capacity.

6. On 4 February, the SS Brieftaubenstation (pigeon station) was occupied to capacity.

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Comment. It is believed that units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div from Bernau conducted exercises in the area northwest of the town about 4 February. Paragraph 3 of the report tends to indicate that, units of the 35th Gds Mecz Regt were also involved.

units of the 120 (?) AAA Regt of the division and of the 71st Light Arty Brig also participated, even though the army clothing depot No 1 and the SS Brieftaubenstation were occupied to capacity at that time. Units of the division from Eberswalde conducted exercises in the area south of their post at the same time.

The present information indicates no changes in the distribution of Soviet units in Bernau post.

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